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1. DURING CONVERSATION JANUARY 17 WITH PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR
MARK CHONA ON SUBJECT ANGOLA, HE CONFIRMED THAT GRZ
INVESTIGATION INTO ORIGINS OF UNIVERSITY OF ZAMBIA (UNZA) STUDENT
DEMONSTRATION LAST WEEK SUGGESTS BOTH SOVIET AND NIGERIAN
FACULTY MEMBERS INVOLVED. ANOTHER AGITATOR WAS WHITE SOUTH
AFRICAN EMIGRE INSTRUCTOR IN FIELD PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION WHOSE
LEFTIST AND ANTI-US VIEWS ON ANGOLA HAVE ALSO COME ATTENTION
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THIS EMBASSY. CHONA DID NOT SAY WHAT STEPS GRZ PLANS TAKE

AGAINST OFFENDING NIGERIAN AND SOVIET FACULTY MEMBERS BUT CHUCKLED THAT HE PERSONALLY WAS SNUBBING SOVIET AMBASSADOR BELOKOLOS. IN CASE OF SOUTH AFRICAN, HE SEEMED RELUCTANT PNG HIM IF CONSEQUENCE WERE THAT HE COMPELLED RETURN TO SOUTH AFRICA.

2. CHONA APPARED MINIMIZE SERIOUSNESS OF THIS OUTBREAK OF STUDENT DISPLEASURE WITH PRESIDENT'S POLICY NOTING THAT ONLY COUPLE OF HUNDRED OUT OF THREE THOUSAND UNZA STUDENTS WERE INVOLVED.

3. FROM UNZA FACULTY SOURCES, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ADDITION TO PRO-MPLA, ANTI-FNLA/UNITA SLOGANS CHANTED BY STUDENTS, THERE WERE ALSO SLOGANS ATTACKING PRESIDENT KAUNDA PERSONALLY, MANY INVOLVING USE FOUR-LETTER EPITHETS. WE HEAR PRESIDENT, WHO ALSO CHANCELLOR OF UNZA, NOT PRESENTLY DISPOSED TO HONOR STUDENT REQUEST MEET WITH THEM TO DISCUSS ANGOLA.

4. AS OF EVENING JANUARY 17, STUDENTS WERE QUIET AND NO POLICE IN EVIDENCE AT ENTRANCE TO UNZA CAMPUS WHICH HOWEVER REMAINS DECORATED WITH LARGE RED-PAINTED PRO-MPLA SLOGANS.

5. ZAMBIAN TELEVISION NEWSCAST NIGHT JANUARY 17 INCLUDED FILM CLIP OF ANTI-US STUDENT DEMONSTRATION IN NIGERIA. WE DO NOT KNOW IF THIS DELIBERATELY INCLUDED BY PRO-MPLA ZBS STAFFER (PERHAPS WITH ASSIST FROM NIGERIAN HICOM) OR WHETHER IT REPRESENTS ROUTINE BUT UNTHINKING DECISION THAT SUBJECT NEWSWORTHY AND THEREFORE SUITABLE FOR ZAMBIAN TV. IN TALKING WITH CHONA ON CHARACTERISTIC WAY SOVIETS INSERT THESE PEOPLE INTO INFLUENTIAL SHOTS IN PUBLIC MEDIA TO FURTHER DISINFORMATION CAUSE, HE SAID HE AWARE OF THIS WHICH WAS ONE OF REASONS BILL SAIDI LAST NOVEMBER PUBLICLY CONDEMNED BY KAUNDA AND FIRED FROM TIMES (LUSAKA 2177).
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